

Madonna

The best thing that's happened to Disney since Mickey Mouse!



MOVE over, Batman, the hot word from Hollywood is there's an even bigger movie on the way in June.

If you thought Jack Nicholson's Joker had everyone talking, then the new Dick Tracy movie is tipped to leave audiences breathless.

Billed as the movie event of 1990, Dick Tracy is set to take Australia by storm.

It stars the rock world's biggest female success story of the past decade — Madonna — as Breathless Mahoney.

Her newest love interest, Oscar-winning actor Warren Beatty, brings the comic strip private eye Dick Tracy to life, complete with the famed trench coat, yellow fedora and wrist radio.

The new movie also boasts a supporting line-up of some of the biggest names in Hollywood.

Dustin Hoffman, James Caan and Al Pacino are tipped to make cameo appearances but the studio

responsible — Disney — refuses to confirm exactly who will pop up on screen in the film.

They're just smiling broadly, confident they already have a megahit on their hands — perhaps the biggest thing to hit Disney since the arrival of Mickey Mouse.

And if they're right, it's not only going to be magic at the box office — there's a whole marketing spin-off planned to generate many more millions.

The movie, with what is said to be a sensational musical score composed by

ABOVE: A sketch for the main street scene in new movie Dick Tracy. RIGHT: 12m-high balloon sculptures of Disney characters feature in the birthday celebrations.

Broadway legend Stephen Sondheim, will have its world premiere at Disneyland as part of the world-famous theme park's 35th anniversary celebrations.

Kicking off at the same time will be an action-filled Dick Tracy stage show featuring musical highlights from Stephen's score, bringing those ominous overlords of the comic-book underworld — Pruneface, Flattop, Brow, Mumbles and The Blank — to life to do battle with the detective.

It's just one highlight of the biggest expansion program Disneyland has known — a \$45 billion project covering the next 10 years, which have been earmarked as The Disney Decade.

Included in the plans are a host of new attractions such as The Young Indiana Jones Adventure Spectacular, a live extravaganza produced in collaboration with Star Wars director George Lucas. The attraction will feature Young Indy in a series of thrilling adventures.

There's a new Tomorrowland planned, launching shows such as Alien Encounter, which will be like finding yourself in the midst of a teleportation experiment gone





More spin-offs from that film include the chance to take a trip in Baby Herman's Runaway Baby Buggy Ride, zooming through the sets of Toontown Hospital, flying down stairs, crashing through doors and bounding over beds.

All those mad Muppet characters — Kermit, Miss Piggy and friends — are set to land in Disneyland with their own live show, *Here Come The Muppets*, and they'll star in *The Magnificent Muppet All-Star Motorcade* with the Muppets' own Electric Mayhem Band and the Muppet Tour Bus.

But the mouse who helped start it all won't be forgotten.

Mickey is approaching his 65th birthday and Disneyland is planning a year-long party to mark the important event.

A new land, Mickey's Starland, will be dedicated to the character, and will feature an attraction called *The Little Mermaid* — a magical ride into a world based on the award-winning Disney animated feature which opens in Australia in June.

Meanwhile in this, the 35th anniversary year, the party goes on — an all-year bash with the biggest parade ever, the *Party Gras*, including 12m-high balloon sculptures of Disney characters.

The Disneyland Hotel is getting a \$40 million revamp and there's the likelihood of a second theme park either next to Disneyland or in Long Beach, California.

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wrong, complete with the presence of a terrifying alien.

Plans are already well under way for the construction of Hollywoodland — boasting a towering backdrop of the Hollywood Hills, with a replica of the famous original Hollywood sign, and recreating Hollywood Boulevard of the Thirties and Forties.

You'll be able to step into the action with *Dick Tracy's Crime Stoppers*, featuring state-of-the-art techniques in simulation, audio-animatronics and special effects.

Or take a wild ride on the Toontown Trolley, piloted by Roger Rabbit, careening through the cartoon world made famous in the film *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*.



TOP: Madonna and Mickey Mouse.
ABOVE: Underworld villains meet.
RIGHT: Warren Beatty as Dick Tracy.

